



## Nipping it in the bud

# Stopping alcohol-related incidents *before* they happen

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SETAF Public Affairs

Alcohol-related incidents are no laughing matter – many Soldiers have ended their careers prematurely because of them – and so the Soldiers of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team on Caserma Ederle are taking the matter seriously with the implementation of Soldier-administered breathalyzers.

The breathalyzers are used mainly as a deterrent and is not indicative of alcohol problems within a given unit; it's simply another preventative measure for commanders and NCOs to utilize, according to Capt. Ryan Shipley, Chosen Company commander, 2-503rd Infantry Battalion.

"I had an outstanding Soldier make a critical thinking error on a weekend," said Shipley. "The individual went to a club with a buddy and then used a designated driver to get back to post, clearly following the directions of his weekend safety brief.

"However, the Soldier was still intoxicated later when back on post and he got behind the wheel of his car," continued Shipley. "The Soldier was attempting to drive to the shoppette when he was stopped by a military police officer, and given a DUI; 50 meters from his barracks room.

"When I asked this previous model Soldier why he got behind the wheel while intoxicated, he said 'I thought I was good enough to drive,'" said Shipley.

It was only one incident, but it was all Shipley needed to see.

"Right after proceeding with the counseling, legal action and other corrective training for that Soldier, I told my first sergeant 'I'm ordering a company breathalyzer right now,'" said Shipley.

Chosen Company staff duty Soldiers are now ready to give a breathalyzer test to any other Soldier on the spot, if they are concerned about their level of inebriation, Shipley said.

"Each week, I brief to my company that a breathalyzer is there for their use as a means to identify the amount of alcohol they have consumed," said Shipley. "A company breathalyzer is not going to get you out of a ticket if you get behind the wheel drunk; as levels of intoxication increase over time based on alcohol consumed and this is only an additional safety precaution."

Shipley added that the breathalyzer can also be administered at any time during the duty day if Soldiers are displaying signs of drinking heavily.

"Chosen Company does not have an alcohol problem. However, any means of keeping a Soldier from driving drunk and injuring themselves or another person is a priceless countermeasure," said Shipley.

A company breathalyzer is just one of the many tools out there for use by commanders and NCOs to take advantage of. Army regulation 600-85, the Army Substance Abuse Program, offers many ways to combat alcohol abuse the prevention.

"Commanders play an essential role in this program by appointing a Unit Prevention



An officer, right, demonstrates the operation of a company breathalyzer on a Soldier, both are with Chosen Company, 2-503d Infantry Battalion.

Leader who designs a plan to deter and reduce the abuse of alcohol within the unit," said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Bly, a military police officer and kennel master with the 13th MP Company.

"One organization in particular can assist the Commander and UPL in preventing alcohol abuse, and that is the Provost Marshal Office," said Bly. "When one thinks of the PMO in terms of preventing alcohol abuse, they think of the law enforcement aspect, which involves arresting Soldiers for driving under the influence or arrests made when someone is belligerent because of the influence of alcohol.

"Even though these are responsibilities of the PMO, we also have several tools available for commanders and UPLs to use to educating their Soldiers on the ramifications of alcohol abuse, and to detect alcohol when prevention was not used."

Bly stated the PMO has a few types of breathalyzers and alcohol tests available that commanders have access to and may use, with written authorization from said commanders, on a given Soldier.

There are many options available to leaders when it comes to preventing alcohol-related incidents within the ranks and it falls to them to make sure these tools are used, said Bly.

"Some people ask if we can quantify the number of lives a breathalyzer saves and the answer is no," said Shipley. "There is no way of quantifying what a deterrent measure does or doesn't accomplish, but as long as our Soldiers consciously make the right decisions then that is my measure of effectiveness."

*(Editor's Note: Some information for this article was supplied courtesy of Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Bly, Kennel master, Office of the Provost Marshal.)*

### SETAF commander to brief Italian post workers

All Italian employees in the Vicenza Military community are invited to attend a briefing by Southern European Task Force commander ,Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick, in the Ederle Theater Thursday at 10:45 a.m.

The briefing is designed to thank employees for their hard work and

dedication as well as to explain how their roles enable SETAF and the 173d Airborne Brigade to accomplish their missions.

The briefing is expected to last up to one hour and will have a brief period set aside for questions and answers.

All supervisors are encouraged to allow their Italian employees to attend.

## Construction work will impact traffic, parking on Caserma Ederle

Army Corps of Engineers  
Press Release

Two post improvement projects are underway on Caserma Ederle.

The first project involves sidewalk construction for the Army Post office and Community Mail Room.

This work is slated to begin Monday and estimated completion date is Sept. 29.

This work will mean the temporary loss of 10 parking spots in front of building 305, located in front of Child & Youth Services/ School Age Services, as well as construction barriers and equipment near the entrance to the school area.

We ask that everyone having business in that area be especially vigilant for children and construction workers/equipment.

The second project involves construction of an access control point at Gate 2. A barrier and guard booth similar to those at other gates will be installed along Olson Avenue next to the post chapel parking lot. This work

began Sept. 12 and is expected to be completed by mid-November

The decision has been made that traffic entering from Gate 2 will have the right of way through the construction area.

We thank the community for their patience and understanding during these improvements to our post.



# Mid-term elections coming up Make your voice heard-Vote!

The Outlook  
Community Information

The Federal Voting Assistance Program office is ensuring all servicemembers and their families who wish to can vote. The program covers not only military personnel, but also DoD civilians and DoD contractors.

Each unit has a voting assistance officer and they are the primary points of contact for servicemembers casting absentee ballots.

Voting assistance officers for Caserma Ederle are:

Maj. Roy Salyer - Headquarters, SETAF (Primary)

Sgt. Maj. Karen Kelly - Headquarters, SETAF (Alternate)

1st Lt. Andrew Stipp - 13th Military Police Company (Primary)

1st Lt. Chase Crabree - 13th MP Co (Alt)

Capt. Robert Padgett - Headquarters Support Company, SETAF

Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Case - HSC, SETAF

2nd Lt. Patrick Mireur - Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team

Chief Warrant Officer Eric Hooker - HHC 173rd ABCT

Staff Sgt. Robert Stone - HHC 173rd ABCT

Alex Palomo - U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, 634-7477 (Primary)

Richard Hendrickson, USAG Vicenza, 634-7752 (Alternate)

A number of changes are being implemented in this election cycle. Some states will now send ballots to requesters via e-mail. Others will fax the ballots. Each state is responsible for voting by its citizens, so the laws and programs offered vary from state to state.

Other changes include a revised Federal Postcard Application form, which is now bigger and easier to read. It also has several blocks to put in alternative addresses, as well as e-mail addresses, which enables local politicians keep in touch with their constituents.

Ballots will arrive to servicemembers in September or October. To be sure votes arrive on time, servicemembers should mail in their voted ballots the week of Oct. 8-14.

The biggest problem the program confronts is outdated addresses. People who have moved since the 2004 election need to submit an updated federal postcard application.

If all things work perfectly — and they usually do — servicemembers will receive their ballots from local election official and return them without a hitch. But problems can happen: the address is wrong; the mail can't get to an isolated area in a timely manner; and so on. In such cases, servicemembers can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

Visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for information on the absentee registration and voting process.

Take responsibility—Vote!



## Force Protection tips You, too, can combat terrorism

Provided by the USAG Vicenza  
Antiterrorism and Force Protection Office

Many protective measures are common sense, but there are also specific things a person can do to protect against terrorism, such as keeping a low profile, keeping activities unpredictable and, most of all, staying alert. Here are some tips for Soldiers, civilians and family members from the Department of Defense on combating terrorism as an individual.

### Keep A Low Profile, Be Unpredictable, & Be Very Alert

- Your dress, conduct, and mannerisms should not attract attention, especially living overseas. Make an effort to blend into the local environment.

- Avoid publicity and do not go out in large groups.

- Stay away from civil disturbances and demonstrations.

- Learn and practice a few key phrases in the language of the country you are living in. In Italian those phrases might be: "Chiami la polizia." (Call the police.) "Chiami una ambulanza." (Call an ambulance.) "Aiuto!"

(Help!) Chiami is pronounced key-a-me. Aiuto is pronounced I-you-toe. Remember to teach these phrases to your children.

- Vary your route to and from work, and vary the time you leave and return home. Make these changes in your schedule random.

- Always let someone know where you are going, what you are doing, and when you expect to return.

- Watch for anything suspicious or out of place in your surroundings.

- Do not give personal information over the telephone.

If you think you are being followed, go to a pre-selected, secure area. Immediately report the incident to your force protection unit advisor, the military intelligence officer, military police, or law enforcement agencies.

For Caserma Ederle, the Military Police Desk can be reach 24 hours a day at 0444-71-7114 for off post, or 114 on post. The toll free Italian emergency number for the MPs is 800-064-077. The Military Intelligence Detachment duty cell phone number is 335-712-4263. The San Bortolo Hospital patient liaison number is 0444-92-8166.

### ATFP training for Soldiers, civilians, family members

The purpose of Level I Antiterrorism training is to increase a person's awareness of terrorism and to improve their ability to apply personal protective measures. This training is for everyone, to include family members 14 years or age and older. Completion of this training meets the annual requirement for Level I antiterrorism training. Individuals receive a dated certificate which should be turned into their unit Antiterrorism Officer.

The training is accessible at the following Web site: <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil/at>. You can reach this site from non-DoD computer systems, such as your home computer.

The Antiterrorism/Force Protection Office hosts a semi-monthly meeting with unit antiterrorism officers. Dates and times are available through the SETAF Antiterrorism Officer Darryl Bowman at [Darryl.Bowman@setaf.army.mil](mailto:Darryl.Bowman@setaf.army.mil) or the USAG Vicenza AT/FP office, Larry Kilgore or Pat Hooper at 634-8288/8489. The post is currently at FPCON B. Contact your unit ATO or the above individuals for more information.

## Community

### Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues affecting the community. If you have an issue you wish to submit, visit the USAG Vicenza Web site at [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil) and click on the Community Action Council link. This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required.

Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

The next CAC will be Sept. 27 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

**Issue:** Recently I purchased a motorcycle as my primary mode of transportation, and there seems to be some kinks in the process of actually obtaining a license.

The first requirement is that I must attend the classroom portion of the Motorcycle Safety Course. However, the classroom

instruction I sat through had nothing to do with operating a motorcycle in Italy.

Upon completion of the class we take a test, and upon passing the test you are eligible to take the Motorcycle Safety Road Course.

However, since you are not allowed to ride your motorcycle until after completion of the safety course, somebody has to drive your bike to the course or deliver it by truck.

This presents many logistical problems, so what typically happens is that the person attending the course rides his bike (unauthorized) to a nearby meeting place so that a friend with a motorcycle license can deliver the bike.

The other problem has involved taking the road course. I've called for the past four weeks and it's been cancelled every week. I have been told that Saturday is the day it will be held.

Finally, all previously motorcycle-licensed Soldiers who were deployed and recently returned had their motorcycle licenses taken away until they can take the course again.

These Soldiers have priority in the road course line up. Each week more Motorcycle Safety Classes are given, but no road courses. This means that each week that the road course is cancelled, first time course takers, like me, go further to the end of the line.

I am a safe, responsible, experienced and fully insured motorcycle rider who has made a considerable investment in a vehicle that I cannot use because the logistics to support the requirements are faulty.

I believe that if you are going to set certain requirements, then you must provide the means to fulfill them.

**Recommendation:** Instructors must be provided for the class and classes should also be tailored to driving in Italy and Europe as a whole.

After successful completion of the course test, the rider must sign up for the road course. At that time, a waiver or permit should be given to allow the rider to use his motorcycle until the road course portion of the class can be taken. This will also allow the rider to actually drive his motorcycle to the road course.

**Response from the Directorate of Logistics:** All U.S. Army Garrisons are mandated by UR Reg -190-1 to utilize the curriculum of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation for motorcycle licensing certification.

This is the same curriculum utilized by 44 of the 50 states for motorcycle licensing. For initial license candidates, the MSF Basic Rider Course is required.

For renewal candidates (every three years) the Experienced Rider Course is required. These classes are normally given monthly from March through November.

Under the current regulation, there is no provision for temporary licensing to get a motorcycle to the range. Riders are dependent on the good will of licensed acquaintances to assist them. Returning riders from deployment were issued a temporary license allowing them to ride to and from the range.

UR Policy for returning riders is that 100 percent would retake the MSF class prior to being licensed to ride upon return.

All MSF instructors are volunteers, or if on the civilian payroll, teach the courses as an additional duty. Of the four instructors normally available, two had deployed and were going through the same reintegration

as other returning Soldiers.

The previous MSF training range had been rendered unusable by the erection of a fence down the middle of it during the deployment. This was overcome by the contracting of space in the Foro Boario adjacent to Villaggio for use on a scheduled basis. But there are frequent frustrations and changes involved in scheduling this area.

The DOL has, by practice, kept a qualified motorcyclist employed in the Drivers Testing Office. This practice lapsed during the deployment, but has been rectified by the hiring of Mr. Bryan Dorman, who in addition to being a qualified instructor and operator of all organic vehicles and equipment, is also an experienced motorcyclist.

We will staff a change in current policy to issue a temporary license to those riders enrolled in an MSF course allowing them to bring their motorcycles to the range.

We have gathered estimates for the repaving and painting of the Torri parking area to use as the new MSF range and expect completion of the project by mid-September.

The ready availability of instructors and training areas will bring equilibrium to the program for normal operations.

The mandated requirements for retraining during reintegration will continue to present challenges because of the number of available instructors.

**The CAC has changed its start time! The next CAC will be hosted at the Ederle Theater on Sept. 27 at 10 a.m.**



# Garrison honors outstanding civilian, military employees at ceremony

**The Outlook**  
*Press Release*

More than 410 American and Italian Caserma Ederle employees walked across the stage Thursday at the Ederle Theater, shook hands with Col. Virgil S.L. Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, and received awards ranging from Certificates of Appreciation to U.S. Army Europe Commanding General Incentive awards to IMA-Europe-level awards.

Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your hard work on behalf of the Soldiers, civilians and families of this post.

USAREUR Commanding General Annual Incentive Awards  
MWR Employee of the Year:  
Tamara Browning, Child and Youth Services Programs

Army In Europe Postal Operations: Ronald Reynolds

Outstanding Contribution to Energy and Water Conservation Management: Giampaolo Rizzo

Outstanding Contribution to the Directorate Of Public Works: Design and Construction of Quality-of-Life Projects: Team of the USAG Vicenza DPW.

Team members are: Carolo Beninca, Miranda Carosini, Riccardo Lucchesi, Loris Marcato, David L. Murr, Domenico Peretto, Teresa Puggioni, Piermario Schizzerotto, Rosanna Segreto, Gregory L. Vallery and Federico Veronese.

Outstanding Customer Service for DPW: Angela Spagnuolo

Outstanding Foreman of the Year: Renato Cogolati, DPW

Outstanding Database and Systems Administrator: Uberto Frigo, DPW

IMA-Europe Awards  
MWR Outstanding Career Employee: Charlie DeCelle

Best Auto Skills Facility in Europe (Medium Size): Charlie DeCelle

Best Sports and Fitness Program in Europe (Medium Size): Mike Garcia

Best Community Recreation Division in Europe (Medium Size): Mike Garcia

MWR Friend of Recreation Award: John Beamish

**U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza awarded the following individuals:**  
Superior Civilian Service medal  
Phil Federle

Achievement medal for Civilian Service  
Lynn Nowicki and Gigi Spencer.

Commander’s Award for Civilian Service  
Catie Bertoldi and Cynthia Pierson.

**Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation awarded the following employees:**  
Superior Civilian Service Award  
Tamara Browning and Jamie Zawadski.

Achievement Medal for Civilian Service:  
Bruce Balcena, Anthony Daniels, Frederick Driscoll, Roy Hunnewell, Gary Hyde, Ricky Jackson, Robert Johnson, Gloria Lunsford, YenLin Morizen, Frances Packard, Joe Reeder, Peggy Schadler, Mike Ushko, Robert Williams, Tim Volk, Robert Wojciechowicz, James Zacchino and Michela Zanotto.

Commander’s Award for Civilian Service:  
Claudio Adamo, Lori Barteau, Massimiliano Bozzolan, Tamara Browning, Charlie Fattori, Marshall Fowler, Mike Ftacek, Mike Garcia, Ron Grinnell, Christine Heiland, Paola Liberatore, Carlos Martinez, Vernon McClure, Margret Menzies, Gina Miller, Shannon Morris, Jeffrey Nemeth, David Ott, Chris Pittman, Raymond Raether, Barry Robinson, Christopher Sheets, David Sherrick, Aaron Talley and Arlana Young.

Scrolls of Appreciation  
Galin Adams, Bon Albertino, Circe Aponte, Staff Sgt. Carlos Aviles, Ahmad Awada, Sgt. Leroy Baker, Staff Sgt. Jason Bates, Tamera Bell, Arianna Boarina, Lisa Boffeli, Rita Bonamego, Petty Officer Mikel Bookwalter, Kevin Boucher, Charles Braxton, Sgt. Daniel Bregaglio, Stephen Brown, Paul Brownlee, Melanie Burley, Becky Burnett, Tiara Burns, Carmen Catena, Danielle Clark, Rudy Corral, John Corrigan, Spc. Steven Crandall, Jillian Croff, Angela Crosland, Jayme Cross, Bonnie Daniels, Elizabeth Danilson, Sonya Day, Charlie DeCelle, Stacy Decker, Lucca Defort, Chiara Devecchia,

John Difalco, Becky Dillard, Sgt. Andrew Dobbs, Pvt. Charles Dodd, Pitoun Ekarintaragun, Tamela Faulkner, R. Michael Fidalgo, Rolando Flores, Tony Fontana, Denise Frigo, Robert Generelli, Randie Gibson, Holly Gifford, Beatrice Giometto, Michael Glanz, Kelly Golden, Laura Gonzalez, Giovanna Goode, Paula Gunderson, Staff Sgt. Frank Guy, Felisa Hansen, Lenny Harris, Spc. Anthony Harrison, La’Kesha Hawthorne, Jim Hay, Geonte Haynes, Spc. David Heath, Sgt. Jamil Henderson, Yvonne Henderson, Ray Hernandez, Pvt. Russell Hoitt, Shereena Honary, Andreina Howard, Elke Hughes, Jay Ronald Hughes, Charles Ingram, Anne Jarrow, Donald Jean, Archie Johnson, Kobie Johnson, Linda Johnson, William Johnson, Eileen Kaplan, Christian Kennedy, Jennifer Kenney, Rafaella Kilgore, Brenda King, Jay Knight, Wendy Kollar, Cristina Lanaro, Eric Lane, Gina Little, Mike Locke, Daviann Luna, Spc. Andrew Martindale, Tom Matlas, Norie McCall, Jeremiah McCurty, Spc. Timothy McGinnis, Spc. Benjamin McKandles, Marco McLean, Sara Medina, Alex Menzies, Spc. Johnny Metz, Jolly Miller, Matthew Miller, Sarah Miller, Dorothy Moore, Kylie Moore, Michael Morris, Spc. Stephen Murphy, Ana Mutter, Yanalee Nevarez, Elisabetta Novello, Howard Overacker, Pfc. Andre Owens, Spc. Jeevn Park, Sarah Penhallegon, Sean Penhallegon, Tony Peters, Pvt. Alex Pimentel, Angelica Polen, Dawn Polensky, Tim Pond, Robert Portillo, Spc. Travis Quinn, Spc. Dwight Reid, Ernest Reyla, Joshua Rheinhart, Greta Riggolon, Lori Robinson, Spc. Aaron Rodriguez, Cynthia Roe, Pierre Rojas, Christina Salas, Heather Schantz, Robert Schudlich, Capt. Kedra Segler, 2nd Lt. Andrew Sergeant, Dennis Severson, Maria Sims, Adam Smolonsky, Gigi Spencer, Susan St. Vincent, Prentiss Stepps, Sarah Stepps, Spc. Shaun Swindle, Giulia Tegtmeier, Sean Thomas, Jose Torres, Siddiq Toure, Pvt. Robert Turner, Strucco Ulderico, Allie Vallery, Anna VanHorn, Pvt. Manuel Vasquez, Cpl. Ashley Webb, Alex Weigel, Eric Weisel, Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad, Sandra Willie, Mike Williams, Chris Wolff, Reuben Young, Robert Young, and Connie Zacchino.

Certificate of Achievement  
Allison Bloom, Aileen Brown, Kimberly Caldwell, Silvia Chimentin, Darryl McFarland, Adam Melchert, Heather Schantz, Linda Smith, Berenice Torres, Silvia Trevisan, and Christopher Wolff.

Certificate of Appreciation  
Luz Andriolo, Kristin Colquitt, Debra Debique, Cornetia Evans, Denise Frigo, Candace Harris, Patrizia Pitts, Jason Resto, and Katherine Wooten.

Official Commendation  
Becky Burnett, Margherita Frasson, Robert Generelli, Manuela Lane, Michael Morris, Shannon Morris, Tara Piskator, Barry Robinson, Hilda Rose, Heather Schantz, Alex Weigel and Arlana Young.

Length of Service Award – 5 years: Gloria Lunsford

**The Directorate of Logistics awarded the following employees:**  
Commander’s Award for Civilian Service  
Kevin Aitchison, Lewis Courtney, Martin Fano, Floyd Haynes, Marvin Key, Alexander Menzies, and Nevio Toich.

Scroll of Appreciation  
Roberto Ambrosini Michele Bogo, Franco Casarotto, Gianluca Chiarato, Massimo Cingano, Giovanni Battista Comiati, Larry Comstock, Luigino DeFranceschi, Gianni De Rossi, Giampietro Faggionato, Paola Fedrigo, Lisanna Francescato, Alessandro Franchi, Liliana Georgi, Luca Gianello, Marianna Giugliano, Imerio Graziani, Mirko Guerra, Fabio Lattenero, Victoria Letrien, Barbara Locatelli, Alessio Lora, Barbara Maffei, Luca Maurizio, Fabio Meneguzzo, Germano Mogentale, Giuseppe Mosca, Antonio Pierantoni, Patrick Potter, Guglielmo Segota, Claudio Sottoriva, Mauro Stocchero, Eugenio Totti, Maurizio Trevisan, Valerio Turato, Tiziano Zaffaina, Lucia Zambotto, and Omar Zanotto.

Length of Service Award – 5 years: Marcello Bon, Fosca Rossignoli and Erika Rubagotti.

Length of Service Award – 10 years: Alexander Menzies, Monia Pizzato, Patrick Potter, Luise Segnini and Eugenio Totti.

Length of Service Award – 20 years: Maria Cauteruccio and Alberto Frigo.

Length of Service Award – 25 years: Michael Bethel

Length of Service Award – 30 years: Maria Angela Sartori.

Length of Service Award – 35 years: Mario Carron and Marisa Gioppo.

**The Directorate of Public Works awarded the following employees:**  
Commander’s Award For Civilian Service  
Giancarlo Bastianello

2005 USACCE Award for Contracting Excellence,  
Outstanding Contracting Officer’s Representative  
William DeLozier Jr.

Letter Of Commendation Housing Executive of the Year  
Lewis Smith

Exceptional Performance  
Claudio Adamo, Maurizio Agnoli, Leila Alberti, Beate Amodeo, Bruna Andrighetto, Mansueto Baghin, Giacomo Baravalle, Giuliano Bedin, Teresa Benetti, Carlo Beninca, Brenda Bentley, Sergio Berno, Cinzia Bianchetto, Samantha Bigotto, Anello Bizzarri, Massimiliano Bozzolan, Alessandra Brojanigo, Roberto Campanaro, Miranda Carosini, Ronald Carpenter, Alessis Cavinato, Robert Centofante, Renato Cogolati, Claudio Chinotto, Maurizio Cocco, Alberto Cristoferi, Renata Croce, Sonia Croce, Sergio Cuomo, Graziella Dal Santo, Anna Di Biase, Nicole Fin, Angela C.

Fortunelli, Costantino Fracasso, Uberto Frigo, Boris Gallio, Tullio Galvan, Patrizia Genzo, Francesca Gheller, Armando Gobbo, Valter Guerra, Penny Hawkins, Marco Kaltenhauser, Raffaella Kilgore, Michele Lattenero, Guiseppe Losanna, Micheale Lo Verde, Riccardo Lucchesi, Gianfranco Manni, Loris Marcato, Elisa Marchetti, Rosetta Marino, Roberto Meggiolaro, Sarah Michelin, Annamaria Morando, Sira Nardon, Paola Norini, Leonardo Oliviero, Monica Pasqualotto, Sarah Peruffo, Pietro Peruzzo, Elia Pignone, Maurizio Peretto, Teresa Puggioni, Thomas Raffaello, Silvano Rizo, Giampaolo Rizzo, Ferruccio Rozzan, Mario Saggin, Alessandro Sallusito, Piermario Schizzerotto, Erminio Seganfreddo, Roberto Segato, Rosanna Segreto, Laura Simioni, Lewis Smith, Angela Spagnuolo, Mikaela Sturati, Marco Teodori, Sonia Testolin, Alberto Todero, Victor Tognoni, Giuseppe Toniolo, Maria Toniolo, Flavio Trevisiol, Harold Vallet, Federico Veronese, Vera Venturini, Tiziano Volpi, Giorgia Zaccaria, Gaetano Zandona and Vally Zorzato.

Length of Service Award – 5 Years: Samantha Bigotto, Marco Bortolon, Renata Croce, and Federico Veronese.

Length of Service Award – 10 Years: Maurizio Cavaliere, Rosetta Marino, and Enrico Perin.

Length of Service Award – 15 Years: Corrado Maron.

Length of Service Award – 25 Years: Sergio Berno, Riccardo Lucchesi, Lewis Smith, and Silvio Visona’.

Length of Service Award – 35 Years: Mansueto Baghin, Angela C. Fortunelli, and Mariangela Toniolo.

Certificate of Appreciation  
Shannon Geoly Horn

**The Directorate of Resource Management awarded the following employees:**

Performance Awards  
Marina Borgo, Marilla Carraro, Katia Corbo, Marta Fogato, Stefano Giglioli, Debora Norwood, Lucia Savio and Stefania Villanova.

**The Directorate of Human Resources awarded the following employees:**

Achievement Medal for Civilian Service  
Christopher Hess

Certificate of Appreciation  
Jim Miller

**The Directorate of Emergency Services awarded the following employee:**

Scroll of Appreciation  
Jonathan Radar

**The Equal Opportunity Office awarded the following individuals:**

Scroll of Appreciation  
Angela Donald, Arlene O’Conner, Anthony Peters, Linda Tavares and Stephen Tavares.

Certificate of Achievement  
Lori Barteau, Angela Bethel, Karen Hornstein and Robert Portillo.

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# Mission possible: Deaf employee successful at working, living overseas

Story and photo by Kelli Covlin  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza is at work breaking down recruitment and workplace barriers with the hiring of its newest employee under the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) for college students with disabilities, sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Labor (DoL).

Working as an information technology assistant in the Plans and Operations Division, Directorate of Logistics, Marc Rubin is the first deaf WRP student hired to work overseas.

"Shocked," said Rubin, a recent graduate from the University of Texas, San Antonio, recalling his initial reaction when he was offered the job in Italy. "I had other WRP job offers when I was a student in the past, and this time I couldn't turn down the opportunity to work in Europe. I want other deaf and hard of hearing people to know that they can work anywhere in the world."

Rubin came to Italy knowing there would be no on-site, let alone in-country, American Sign Language interpreters. This has not proven to be a barrier though in communicating with coworkers or performing his job duties.

"Gone are the days of the old Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) keyboards," said Cindy Pierson, Equal Employment Opportunity officer in Vicenza. "Now, there is state of the art teleconferencing technology and video remote interpreting (VRI) via broadband Internet connection."

"With the assistance from DoD's

Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP), we are using video remote interpreting services from Deaf Link® in San Antonio, Texas," said Pierson.

Interpreting assistance is only a click away, 24-hours a day for Rubin and others who use Deaf Link.

"When Marc [Rubin] needs interpreting assistance during meetings, one-on-one conversations, or other communications needs, he simply clicks the 'call' button on a remote control and is instantly connected to Deaf Link's 24/7 call center in San Antonio, Texas," said Deaf Link Director Dan Heller, describing how the video remote interpreting services work. "Marc sees a Deaf Link interpreter on his TV screen. When he signs to the interpreter his comments are voiced to hearing participants through TV speakers at the meeting. When a hearing person speaks, those comments are transmitted by microphone and video camera to Deaf Link where they are signed for Marc by the interpreter."

"We couldn't do this without the support from CAP," Pierson added. "CAP provides free assistive technology and accommodations for people with disabilities at all phases of their DoD employment lifecycle from recruitment and placement to promotion and retention. WRP is one of many programs, including the Wounded Service Members Program, CAP supports with assistive devices."

"We're excited about sharing Marc Rubin's story with deaf workers and employers all over the world," said Pierson. "DoD and Deaf Link are working together to open up the workplace for the deaf and hard



**Marc Rubin, information technology assistant, Plans and Operations Division, Directorate of Logistics, USAG Vicenza, speaks with an interpreter from Deaf Link® in San Antonio, Texas. Rubin, who is deaf, has been working in Vicenza through the Workforce Recruitment Program. Deaf Link is a 24/7 operation, which allows Rubin to connect to an interpreter at anytime for communication assistance.**

of hearing like never before."

"It is an exhilarating experience for me," said Rubin. "Not only for employment itself, but personally – living and working in the world of unknown and living up to the challenges I encounter such as culture, social, language, and making good decisions to make my experience here more fulfilling."

"I strongly encourage all variety of disabled individuals to grab the quickest opportunity to work overseas whether it will

be Europe or Pacific," he said. "It will expand a new outlook on working with people, provide career advancement opportunities, and overall, it will enrich everyone's experiences personally and professionally."

*NOTE: For more information on DoD's Workforce Recruitment Program visit [www.dol.gov/odep/programs/workforc.htm](http://www.dol.gov/odep/programs/workforc.htm)*

*For more information on Deaf Link's capabilities, visit their Web site at [www.deaflink.com](http://www.deaflink.com).*

## Health women, healthy babies are goal of Vicenza health clinic

By Lauriann McKeever  
U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza  
OB/GYN and Pediatric chief nurse

The return of Caserma Ederle Soldiers from Afghanistan, coupled with new arrivals has brought many "new additions" to post.

Most notable is the increased number of pregnant women.

With approximately 90 pregnant women on post, the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza has been working hard to keep up with the additional workload.

The primary objective of the OB/Gyn clinic is to provide top quality care for each and every woman, and to prepare her and her family for a healthy delivery

at the Dr. Benincaso Mother and Child Pavilion.

The pavilion is the new labor and delivery suite located just behind the clinic.

The OB-Gyn clinic is a warm and friendly place that offers comprehensive healthcare for women.

The clinic has grown tremendously in the past year. It now offers several services to include: routine well-woman exams, referrals for mammograms, evaluation and treatment of abnormal paps, laparoscopy, tubal ligation, birth control, infertility consultations, pre-conception counseling, and evaluation of gynecologic problems.

The clinic is staffed by three board-certified OB/Gyn physicians, Dr. (Lt. Col.) Joseph Gobern, Dr. (Lt. Col.) Stephen November and Dr. Robert Frost and one Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, Susan Gilzean.

Elena Mattolin, an Italian nurse, is a provider assistant who greets most patients as they arrive at the clinic.

Additionally, the clinic offers full prenatal care for women and their families to include routine ultrasound screening and lactation consultation.

An OB provider is assigned to each woman throughout her pregnancy. Each visit is personalized to ensure healthcare needs are met. Women with certain complications or issues may be referred outside the facility for additional evaluation.

Loriann McKeever, head nurse of the clinic, teaches a number of educational classes.



**As part of the 'Healthy pregnancy, Healthy baby' classes, prospective parents are given a tour of the Dr. Benincaso Mother and Child Pavilion to acquaint them with facility. (Outlook file photo)**



**From left to right: Members of the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza OB/GYN staff in (Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza)**

The initial class, OB Registration, is required to establish the OB record and advises what to expect during the pregnancy.

Other classes include: "Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby", the American Red Cross childbirth education series, which is taught over a four-week period (see schedule below for the next classes); "Breastfeeding Basics" a two-hour personalized session for both pregnant and new moms; and "Childbirth Refresher", an abbreviated two-hour class for 'experienced' parents.

To schedule Obstetric or Gynecological appointments, or to register for educational classes, please call the health clinic front desk at 634-7484, 0444-71-7484 from off post.

### Healthy pregnancy, Healthy baby classes

The U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza

offers the following childbirth education classes.

All classes are held from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

It is preferable that children are not brought to the class, so the learning environment is conducive to all who attend.

**Sept. 14:** Baby Basics - Class is held at Davis Family Readiness Center.

**Sept. 21:** Coping with Labor, Anesthesia, and Preparing for your Hospital Stay. Meet in the Vicenza health clinic classroom.

**Sept. 28:** Infant Health and Safety, Planning Ahead, Community Resources, and tour of the Dr. Benincaso Mother and Child Pavilion. Meet in the Vicenza health clinic classroom.

Register for classes by calling the Vicenza Health Clinic front desk at 634-7484, or 0444-71-7484 from off post.



## Award-winning service

# Auto Skills Center manager places customers first

**Sgt. David Hopkins**  
*SETAF Public Affairs*

Taking care of Soldiers and their families is the main focus of the U.S. Garrison Vicenza Auto Skills Center, and that philosophy has helped them win awards for their efforts.

The latest award went to the manager of the Auto Skills Center, Charlie DeCelle, for being the best manager in a recreational facility in Europe, but he takes none of the credit for himself.

"We have a really good team of guys who believe that caring for Soldiers and their families is what makes this place tick," said DeCelle, who received his award during the USAG Vicenza civilian award ceremony held Thursday.

Someone anonymously nominated DeCelle for the award at the end of 2005. The unknown individual had to cite DeCelle's significant accomplishments, his management practices and his leadership attributes that made him worthy of winning

the Installation Management Agency-Europe-level award.

This isn't the first award the Auto Skills Center has won for their service to the community.

"We've won the award for the best Auto Skills Center in Europe three years in a row," said DeCelle, "but this is the first time we've won the recreation award."

The Auto Skills Center is on post to help people who want to work on their own vehicles to save money or because they just like to get their hands dirty. Anyone on post can bring their vehicle into the center and the staff will help them with maintenance advice. The latest tools and equipment are available for the use by all customers.

"Most auto skills centers only cater to recreational users who want to change their oil or work on a hotrod," said DeCelle. "When we got this new facility in 1999, we broadened the number of Soldiers and civilians we can help and we brought in more certified mechanics to do more kinds of auto maintenance. Plus, with our computers we can 'talk' with American cars, European cars and Japanese cars to run diagnostic tests."

The business of the Auto Skills Center isn't as simple as just fixing people's cars and sending them on their way. They keep it to a more personal level, and through the help of military funding they are able to keep cost low and service at the highest level possible.

"We are in the business of helping Soldiers," said DeCelle. We have an advantage because of funding and the state-of-the-art equipment we have worked so hard to improve."

DeCelle learned most of his mechanical skills and leadership skills during his 20 years in the Army, reaching the rank of Sgt. 1st Class before retiring in 1996.

"I learned a little before I came into the Army when I worked at a car dealership,"



**A Soldier, right, works on removing a piece underneath his car with DeCelle's help. Baker works for the 13th Military Police Company and is a frequent user of the Auto Skills Center on Caserma Ederle.**

said DeCelle, "but most of my mechanical knowledge came from my time in the Army. And while in the Army, I kept up on all the changes in technology."

Management is DeCelle's main task, but he also enjoys getting under the hood of a vehicle and tinkering to diagnose a problem and doing some mechanical work.

"I've always loved working with my hands," said DeCelle. "I love electrical stuff so I'm good with diagnostics. That is my passion, but my favorite part of the job is helping people. We do as much as we can for as little as we can for our customers."

DeCelle keeps his staff working hard, but he also enjoys having a good time on the job.

"This wouldn't be a fun place to work if it wasn't for Charlie," said Jay Johnson, recreation specialist and certified mechanic. "He makes it fun with his great sense of humor and by keeping us busy. If there isn't anything to work on he has us cleaning the shop so we keep it a nice place for people to come to."

Customers enjoy visiting the center and working with DeCelle and his mechanics for the help they offer and the quality of the service they provide.

"I come in here with a lot of strange mechanical questions and the staff here always has the answer," said 1st Sgt. George Lee, first sergeant for G Company, 4-319, who

claims to use the Auto Skills Center frequently. "They are very customer-oriented and always professional."

Good customer service is DeCelle's main focus and he makes sure his mechanics know the customer always comes first. The goal of the center is to support the customers in whatever their car care needs.

"[DeCelle] encourages us to help customers as soon as they come in the door," said Johnson. "We try to make them feel like they are part of the shop and we do whatever we can to help them."

DeCelle continues to look forward and is working on improving the post Auto Skills Center for the customers.

"I hope we can continue to improve in both service to the customers and in the scope of services offered," said DeCelle. "I would also love to expand on the work study program with the high school. We have two or three youths in the program now and I would like to have more."

The local Auto Skills Center isn't the only thing DeCelle would like to change. He wants to change the way the Army looks at auto service centers across Europe.

"I've also really been pushing for the Army to require all managers and mechanics of all service centers in Europe to be Automotive Service Expert certified," he explained. "I've hit some resistance, but I think one day it will happen. The customers deserve the best."



**Charlie DeCelle, Vicenza Auto Skills Center manager, left, explains to Staff Sgt. Joshua Harrison, who works at Ghedi Air Base for the 704th Munitions Support Squadron, how he needs to check spark for the tune up. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)**

## Cub Scouts learn skills, have fun during three-day summer camp

**By Becky Lienemann**  
*Special to the Outlook*

Dueling knights, brave astronauts and courageous superheroes – all were part of the three-day "Flights of Fantasy" theme of Pack 295 Cub Scout Day camp held Aug. 16-18. Camp

activities were held at the very top of the Caserma Ederle satellite base in Longare.

Volunteers staffed the activities for boys entering first through fifth grades this fall. These young scouts practiced their weaponry skills at ranges overlooking a picturesque view of Vicenza.

Many excellent marksmen were discovered on the BB range, and for many, it was their first time handling a gun.

After a safety brief and instruction by volunteer Carlos Ayala, the boys made the paper targets look more like Swiss cheese. Some camp leaders even got into the action, as den leader, Sheri Sleight, sat down and took her best aim.

Getting wet to beat the heat is always a part of outdoor activities held in August. The scouts had no trouble accomplishing this as they catapulted wet sponges, tossed water balloons, launched water bottles and went bobbing for juice boxes.

Afterward, the boys visited stations for crafts, obstacle courses and of course the ever-popular jousting with broom sticks while

maneuvering a tiny tricycle. The boys all seemed to go home exhausted, but happy, at the end of each day.

The week was capped off with a nature hike and an awards cookout, where the always-animated Cub Scouts, volunteers and parents topped off a great week with songs, skits and lots of good laughs.

Cubmaster Darren Buss, coordinator of the camp, was emceeding at the final gathering when two Venturer Scouts showed

him some appreciation in the traditional scouting way...by yanking his socks down.

Cub Scout Zachary Lienemann echoed the feelings of most of the other boys when he said his favorite part of the three-day camp was, "all of it!"

For more information on Cub Scouting in Vicenza, contact Darren Buss at 0444-95-3742 or by e-mail at [pack295.cubmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:pack295.cubmaster@yahoo.com).

You can also visit the Web site: [www.packsonline.com/ae/295](http://www.packsonline.com/ae/295).



**With a bit of help from a Boy Scout, two members of Cub Scout Pack 295 try their hand at archery during the three-day Cub Scout Day Camp held Aug. 16-18. (Photos courtesy of Cub Scout Pack 295)**



**Under the watchful eye of an adult volunteer, Cub Scouts from Pack 295 in Vicenza, practice shooting BB guns during a three-day summer camp held Aug. 16-18 in the Longare compound.**



# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

### Events in Vicenza

Sept. 16-17: Marine rally — To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the constitution of the National Italian Marine Association, Vicenza will welcome the sailors of Italy.

Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. in the ‘Filippini’ church there will be a mass for those lost at sea; at 9 p.m. in *Piazza dei Signori* there’s a concert by the Italian Marine Band.

Sept. 17, between 8-9 a.m., see the formation of participants in *Viale Roma*; at 10 p.m. there’s a wreath-laying at the monument of Antonio Pigafetta, who was an Italian navigator born in Vicenza.

At 10:30 p.m. the groups will parade through *Viale Roma, Corso Palladio, and Santa Barbara*.

At 11:30 a.m. a wreath-laying at the monument ‘Fallen of all the Forces’ in Piazza dei Signori; events finish at 12:45 p.m.

Exhibitions: In coordination with the above events there will be two exhibitions on the Navy. In one part of the *Basilica Palladiana* there will be large tanks of water with models of animated ships; and in the *Lamec* there will be an art exhibition, closed on Mondays until Sept. 24, entrance is free.

Sept. 17: *Mestieri in Strada*, (Crafts on the Road) will be held on *Corso Fogazzaro* from 9 a.m. to sundown.

The artisans come from all over Italy and will be working their crafts, including woodworking to ceramics, blown glass to decoupage and work on wrought iron to embroidery.

Sept. 17: Classical music in the Teatro Olimpico at 9 p.m. The ‘Dante Symphony,’ includes music, poetry and images pertaining to the Divine Comedy; music is by Cajkovskji and Liszt.

Buy tickets from the Teatro Olimpico box office, which is open Tuesday through Sunday.

Sept. 17-Dec. 15: In Vicenza’s Palladio Museum on *Palazzo Barabran da Porto*, a display of architectural designs by Michelangelo, which includes a newly-discovered drawing of Vicenza’s Palazzo Tassi-Galli, that the curator of the Michelangelo show says that it may have been designed by him.

The museum is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., closed Mondays. Entrance fee is 5 euro.

Until Dec. 31, if you park your car at the parking area near the soccer stadium, you can take a free bus to downtown Vicenza. The bus stops in *Via Cricoli* or in *Viale Farini*. It is mandatory, when you pay for parking, and given the free

bus ticket for you and your passengers you validate the ticket on the bus both on the outward and return journey.

### Tractor pull contest

Sept. 17: The Highway Truck Team has organized a tractor pulling contest beginning at 10:30 a.m. in *Thiene*.

Visit the Web site: *www.highwaytruckteam.it* (in Italian only) for directions to the field.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.

### Acro park

A recently-opened woodland park – equipped with cableways and platforms installed in the trees – can be found 20km from *Trento*.

You can walk across rope bridges swaying over an empty-drop, whiz through the branches on a roller pulley, soar for 10 meters hung on a creeper, and more.

Depending on what you want to do, there are different trails that can be taken, or if you don’t take a trail you can take a stroll, relax on benches and tables for a picnic or watch the antics of the ‘Braves Only’ at no cost.

Full information on directions, cost and opening hours at the Web site: *www.acropark.it*, in English.

### Palio in Asti

Sept. 17 is the Asti Palio, a very difficult race as the horses are ridden bareback.

The palio dates back to 1275, when Asti, a powerful and independent city, was universally renowned for its enterprising merchants and its experienced bankers.

On palio day there will be 21 horses with jockeys representing their respective district; 1,200 people dressed in medieval clothes and many inhabitants of the surrounding districts take part in this event.

At 11 a.m. watch an exhibition by flag throwers; at noon it’s the formal registration of jockeys and horses at the town hall.

At 2:15 p.m. the start of the historical procession from Piazza Cattedrale, which re-enacts scenes of medieval life.

At 4 p.m. it’s the Palio preliminaries. These races consists of three preliminary heats of seven horses each. The top nine go on to the final.

At 5 p.m. watch a flag-throwing display; at 6 p.m. it’s the final race

and awarding of the Palio to the winner.

Go to the Web site *www.palio.asti.it* or directions and ticket prices.

Don’t forget the camera and, while in Asti, it may be worthwhile to try one of the areas delicacies, a ‘bonet,’ a type of chocolate pudding, or fragrant almond cookies soaked in a goblet of Asti Spumante.

Asti is located off the A21 autostrada, near Torino.

### Fast historical cars

Historical car fans will enjoy the 30th ‘*Mostra Scambio di Imola*’ that takes place Sept. 16-17 inside the famous autodromo ‘*Dino & Enzo Ferrari*’ located in Imola.

The event is organized by the Club Romagnolo Auto Moto d’Epoca and is the main rendezvous for all those who love to barter vintage cars, motorcycles, bicycles, accessories, and spare parts. The event is open 6 a.m.-6 p.m. each day, and the entrance fee is 7 euro.

Details and directions can be found on the Web site: *www.mostrascambioimola.it*.

If don’t want to spend the entire day looking at cars or buying parts, the Republic of San Marino is located about an hour’s drive away.

### Rice festival

The 40th Rice Festival in the town of *Isola della Scala*, in the province of Verona, takes place Sept. 12- Oct. 10.

On weekdays and Saturdays, the food tents open weekdays from noon-2 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m.-midnight. Food tents open Saturdays from 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m. and Sundays from noon-midnight.

Last year, during the same period more than 280,000 dishes were served.

There will also be a market selling packages of rice, *Riso Vialone Nano Veronese*, which is grown in the area.

Other events of interest taking place: Sept.17 at 2 p.m. on *Via Battisti* there will be a market for children; Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. there will be a medieval costume parade through the streets of the town.

Also during the rice festival, you’ll find exhibitions open and popular music groups playing in the evening.

Directions for Isola della Scala: Take the A4 west, exit at Verona Sud, follow signs for Modena – SS-12. The town is 18km from the autostrada exit.

# Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

Sept. 12	CLOSED	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	The Devil Wears Prada (PG13)	7 p.m.
Wednesday is Family Night! 10% off popcorn/soda for two adults and two children		
Sept. 14	Pirates of the Carribean: Deadman's Chest (PG13)	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Little Man (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Snakes on a Plane (R)	9:45 p.m.
Sept. 16	You, Me, and Dupree (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Snakes on a Plane (R)	9:45 p.m.
Sept. 17	Little Man (PG13)	4 p.m.
	You, Me and Dupree (PG13)	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	CLOSED	
Sept. 19	CLOSED	

### Camp Darby Theater

Sept. 15	World Trade Center (PG13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	Talladega Nights (PG13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 17	Barnyard (PG)	2 p.m.

### Movie Synopsis

**LITTLE MAN** - *Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans.* Darryl Edwards is so eager to become a father that he mistakes a short, baby-faced thief on the lam for an abandoned toddler. He and his wife take the “baby” into their home while the thief’s partner tries to help him recover a stolen diamond.

**YOU, ME AND DUPREE** - *Owen Wilson, Kate Hudson.* Carl and Molly Peterson are just starting their new life together—complete with a cute house, boring neighbors, stable jobs and the routines of newlywed existence. There’s just one unfortunate hitch in their perfectly constructed new world. And his name’s Dupree. Randy Dupree, Carl’s oldest friend and perpetual bachelor, has found himself with nowhere to go after being fired.

**SNAKES ON A PLANE** - *Samuel L. Jackson, Nathan Phillips.* A ruthless assassin unleashes a crate full of lethal snakes aboard a packed passenger jet over the Pacific Ocean in order to eliminate a witness in protective custody. The rookie pilot and frightened passengers must band together to survive.

**WORLD TRADE CENTER** - *Nicolas Cage, Michael Pena.* This is the true story of John McLoughlin and William J. Jimeno, the last two survivors extracted from Ground Zero and the rescuers who never gave up. It’s a story of the true heroes of that fateful time in the story of the United States when buildings would fall and heroes would rise, literally from the ashes to inspire the entire human race.

**BARNYARD** - *Kevin James, Courtney Cox Arquette.* A free-wheeling cow named Otis and his misfit farm animal friends regularly play tricks on humans—sing, dance and party—but when Otis is suddenly placed in a position of responsibility around the barnyard, he must find the courage and confidence to become a leader.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.  
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

### Time off to get fit!

<b>USAG Vicenza Health Promotions Office</b>	fitness assessment will be held Sept. 27 in the fitness center’s racquetball court #3, from noon-4 p.m.
IAWAR 600-63, Army Health Promotion, DA civilians may be authorized up to three hours of work time per week for six months. Supervisor approval is required to enroll.	In Livorno, enrollment and fitness assessment will be held Sept. 29 in the fitness center from 9 a.m.- noon.
Enrollment and fitness assessments will be held at the following time and location: In Vicenza, enrollment and	For an appointment, or more details, call the Health Promotion Office at 634-8828, or e-mail: <i>health@setaf.army.mil</i> .



# The making of a jumpmaster

Story and photos by Sgt. Brandon Aird

173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

Everyone's eyes are on you. You're standing up giving commands with a voice that demands attention and respect. Paratroopers are lined up one either side of you, leaning under heavy loads of equipment. All they want to do is get out of the plane, and they're depending on you to safely exit them out of the aircraft. Even your colonel and sergeant major standing next to you are awaiting orders and commands.

You are a jumpmaster.

Many Soldiers in the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team are unwavering in their determination to become jumpmasters.

Aug. 21-Sept. 1 found some paratroopers going through the course for the first time, while others were making their second attempt.

Staff Sgt. Greg Sidlinger, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne), was one of the Soldiers trying for their second time in as many months to become a jumpmaster.

Sidlinger noted a deficiency during his jump master pre-inspection the day of graduation the previous month that wasn't there and was failed out of the class.

There is a reason why the jumpmaster course is ranked among the top of the most mentally-demanding courses the Army has to offer.

Soldiers have to keep up with the physical and mental demands of the course; because not getting the smallest detail right could cost a paratrooper his life.

The first few days, paratroopers worked on Jumpmaster Pre-Inspection and actions in the aircraft.

They began with a block of instruction from the Mobile Training Team, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, based at Fort Benning, Ga., and later practicing performing the block of instructions back to the MTT and fellow paratroopers.

Sgt. Melinda Delli Gatti, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd ABCT, spirits were high on day two. "I'm learning a lot out here. I hope I graduate, but if not I'll try again."

Paratroopers practiced JMPI the fourth day and learned actions in the aircraft in the afternoon. A lot of the tasks paratroopers practice during the day are repetitive, but they



**Sgt. Melinda Delli Gatti (right), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, gives the 10 minute signal during one phase of the jumpmaster course on the North 40 on Caserma Ederle Aug. 23. Gatti was just one of 52 Soldiers taking the course under the guidance of the Mobile Training Team, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, based at Fort Benning, Ga.**

have to do them until they can get them right every time.

Soldiers looked physically tired sitting in the parachute harnesses on the fourth day and the course wasn't even half way over yet. Paratroopers practiced JMPI on each other over and over again, looking for minor or major deficiencies in the parachute harness.

"This training is very important," 1st Lt. Liberato Robustelli explained in heavily-accented English. Robustelli is an Italian officer going through the course side-by-side with American Soldiers.

Day seven the training all came together for the practical work in the aircraft exam. Soldiers had to give all the jump commands to the jumpmaster, exit their imaginary jumpers and then exit the aircraft themselves.

The day started early with Soldiers leaving Vicenza for Aviano Air Base around 2 a.m. Upon arrival in Aviano, the course instructors found some time on their hands and started testing Soldiers on pre-jump procedures.

"It's a lot of information to regurgitate," said Sidlinger about pre-jump. Jumpmasters have to be able to recite all three modules of pre-jump instructions, but they only get tested on one of them.

"If you can't memorize things word-for-word, you're going to be in trouble," said Sgt. Justin Bailie, 173d ABCT Support Battalion, who also was making a second

attempt to pass the jumpmaster course.

After the parachutes arrived, the jumpmaster students rigged up and were ready to board the C-130. At the last minute, one of the aircraft wasn't able to fly, so instead of two aircraft, they were down to one.

Three hours and 33 passes later, all the jumpmaster students at exited the aircraft and passed their Practical Work in Aircraft exam.

The next day, the toughest part of the course began with JMPI. Jumpmaster students have to JMPI three paratroopers in five minutes and not miss any major deficiencies. While they perform the inspection they have to sound off with the right nomenclature for any deficiencies they find.

"Considering I failed it the first time," Sidlinger noted, "I am a little worried about it."

Sidlinger wasn't alone in that feeling. When all was said and done, 27 of the original 52 students graduated from the jumpmaster course. Some failed out on the first exam, but for most, it was JMPI.

The Soldiers who didn't pass will most likely try the course again. Jumpmaster students are held to a high standard, and it's not uncommon for Soldiers to fail out of jumpmaster school on their first try.

Sidlinger and Bailie, who both passed the course, will now perform jumpmaster duties in 173d ABCT. Delli Gatti and Robustelli will have to try again.

"It's a big relief the school is over," Sildinger said after graduation. "Now I need to get ready for Ranger School."



**A Paratrooper in the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team jumps out of a C-130 for Jumpmaster School in Aviano, Italy, Aug. 29.**



**Sgt. Justin Bailie, Brigade Support Battalion, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, gives a 30 second notice during practical work in the aircraft exam for jumpmaster school in Aviano, Aug. 29. It was Bailie's second attempt at the jumpmaster course. Bailie passed the course and will now perform jumpmaster duties for the 173d ABCT.**